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A FIRST-CLASS DIFFICULTY NEAR GREENVILLE.

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The Meriwether Vindicator publishes the following account of two difficulties, one of which was fatal and the other likely to terminate the same way.

Last Sunday afternoon about three o'clock, Dick Terrell shot and killed Scott Jones just beyond the wood lot of Mr. A. F. Hill near Greenville. Both parties were citizens of the county, the one of age, the other, Henry Jones, a younger brother of the deceased, and George Terrell, colored, say that the parties were at the home of Mr. Jones when in the grove, when Scott Jones asked Dick Terrell for fifteen cents due him. Dick not having the money over, Scott rushed on Dick with a loaded gun, and the two began to struggle and shot Jones in the throat. Jones died in a few minutes. Dick Terrell made no attempt to escape, but was captured and taken to jail, and was released back from arrest. It is said the parties had been gambling during the day. The victim of the shooting, Mr. Jones, had been a member of the shooting club of fellowmen's blood. This is the general tendency of such violations of human and divine law.

The Meriwether Vindicator reported, colored, went to the home of Bob Park, also colored, and raised a bow. Being drunk he made it uncomfortable for Bob and family. Finally Law on drew his pistol and shot him. The bullet passed through Bob's body, severing a vein, struck Lawson over the head, inflicting a dangerous, perhaps fatal injury. The man was captured and turned over to the authorities Monday and settled, Bob Park being allowed to go unmoored.

At the residence of Mr. Bud McNeal, who lives seven miles from Gainesville, occurred a heart-rending tragedy on Wednesday last. A young man left a pistol in Mr. McNeal's house, when his two little children, aged 3 and 4 years, began to play with the weapon. The elder playfully snapped it at his little brother. The pistol went off and the ball took effect in the child, killing it instantly.

E. D. Edge, who so seriously cut Mr. John O. McNeal at Mt. Vernon several days since, escaped from the Montgomery county jail one night last week.

Two or three mad dogs were killed above Subigne last week.

A large rattlesnake was found about three miles from Athens on the Watkins road. It was killed after some work and found to have ten rattles.

Hawkinsville Dispatch. On Wednesday of last week, during the session of the court, a window in the dwelling of Mr. W. M. Knight was broken open and a suit of clothes stolen therefrom. In a few hours afterward the thief sold the clothes to a woman named Stephen Speer. The thief gave his name as John Henry. Mr. Knight brought the clothes in the case of a bill of exchange, and they were immediately instituted for the thief, who was a small negro boy, apparently about sixteen years old. His trial was set for December 1st, but he was not called to answer the action of the grand jury who were in session. A bill charging the boy with burglary was introduced by the judge. This was put up on trial the next day. The evidence against him was overwhelming. In fact he did not deny the charge, but he denied that he had taken the article which was Hal Johnson. He was found guilty, and less than twenty-four hours after the crime was committed he was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Mr. W. D. Jones of Bowden, killed a pig the other day, fifteen months old, which weighed 32½ pounds. He bought it about a year ago, giving two dollars for it.

Over sixty years ago a party of Englishmen worked a mine in Jackson county with very bad success. They had to leave the state and was banished to Charleston, South Carolina, with oxen and the teams were never returned, but sold again in Charleston. When they got all that they wanted they abandoned the mine and left.

Fifty years ago more than fifty thousand dollars in gold dust was taken from the surface of the earth of a half acre on Swains mountain in Forsyth county.

LaGrange Reporter: Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Atkins celebrated their fifth marriage anniversary on Saturday evening. At the time of the wedding the yard and the house were beautifully illuminated with Chinese lanterns and brilliant lamps. The interior of the house was also well lighted, the center of the hall was an evergreen arch, from which was suspended the floral marriage bell. Many guests were present, the place being overflowed with friends. The bride was dressed in white, and the groom in a dark suit, with a white waistcoat and a black bow tie. After cordial greetings and social chattering the bride and groom proceeded to the altar under the ministrations of the reverend Mr. Carter, who performed by Dr. B. T. Smith in a most solemn and impressive manner. After hearty congratulations the bride and groom exchanged a benignant repast. All the presents were beautiful and appropriate, but we cannot fail to mention the basket presented by Mrs. W. D. Grant and her mother, Mrs. Wm. Reid. This was a rare occasion and one to be remembered by all who were present.

The Grange grand jury says:

Believing that it would be for the best interest and good of our society, that we should split our organization to provide for this state (except for medical purposes), we request our representatives to give us the right to do all they can to aid in the cause of suffrage in this state.

After the election, if we still have for one giving my county in this state the right to vote upon the question of prohibition, and, in case of failure, to do all we can still then for one giving my county the privilege.

A lady in LaGrange, who is eighty-five years old, read the gospel by Mathew through on a recent Sunday.

The LaGrange Reporter says that Mr. J. N. Carlton, of Mountainville, discovered, one morning last week, that some one had poured kerosene on the floor of his gin house had then set it on fire, and that a hole had been burned in it. The flame caught some bunging and finally died out. It was a narrow escape. Incendiaries seem to flourish about Mountainville.

They Turned the Joke on Him.

From the Albany, Ga., News.

Yesterday Mr. Ephraim Rountree brought a huge rat to town, which had killed on his place. The rat was the largest ever seen in these parts, and measured over twenty inches in length. Something had been killing Mr. R.'s chickens for some time, and he knew it was a rat. He had been chasing it, he discovered that his chickens were being disturbed and hastened to their rescue. When coming up with him he saw this rat with a grown pullet, making have a meal. That rat had to death. Mr. R. had to get his shotgun before he could conquer the rat, but he finally came out victorious, and brought the dead rat to town. It was the largest rat he had ever seen, and somewhat resembled an opossum.

An Old Tie Told Over.

Some twenty years ago a number of jolly boys caught a buzzard in Augusta, Ga., and killed him. Shortly afterwards the identical buzzard was seen in New York city, and he had been turning up ever since, at different times in different places, and we are not sure but he has visited Switzerland and other foreign lands during the past twenty years. A short while ago the same buzzard was seen to fly over Rome, and one day last week he paid a visit to the farm of Mr. Jack Hamrick, a few miles from town. He was still carrying his bell with him, and filled the people with wonder and amazement. So say the neighbors, and we have no right to disbelieve them. The question which arises in our mind is, "How long is the average life of a buzzard?"

Mrs. N. Fonder, Louisville, Ga., says: "As an appetizer, Brown's Iron Bitters is unequalled. It is a complete restorative."

The duke of Cambray is determined to be laud in Hanover and duke of Brunswick or remain as he is.

Mrs. Wm. Cochran, 169 Jackson street, Atlanta, says: "My daughter suffered from general debility. Brown's Iron Bitters restored her to health and vigor."

Mr. Trevelyan, recently chief secretary for Ireland, to the Scourge in Georgia.

The scourge that is now killing so many people in Virginia, passed through Franklin county there now. Banks, in 1854 or 1855. The physician did not understand the disease, and all efforts to check it proved a failure. We recollect one old gentleman living on the Hudson river, who lost five grand-children and about twenty negroes. He had two grandsons dead in the house at the same time. Nothing that the physicians could do would stop it. Now that the plantation would soon be depopulated under Dr. Doster, of Jefferson, was sent for, and he prepared a medicine that soon stopped the dreadful scourge.

One of the leading (so-called) political stump speakers of New York has become a regular waiter. No cause is assigned for the promotion. Baltimore American.

BURDETT'S BROAD ACRES.

A Wilkes County Farm With a Wealth of Soil.

From the Washington Gazette.

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THROUGH THE STATE.

A DESPERATE ATTEMPT AT MURDER IN COLUMBUS.

An Interview with Hon. D. B. Harrell on the Subject.

From the Americus, Ga., Recorder.

Items of Interest Elsewhere Through the State.

The State Military—Deaths in Georgia—Current News Condensed in Brief Mention—Accidentally Shot While Hunting.

COLUMBUS, Ga., December 6.—[Special]—A desperate attempt at murder was made by a drunken negro desperado this morning at the residence of Mr. M. M. Moore, clerk of the council on Broad street, the intended victim being a Negro employed by Mr. Moore. The negro, who had chased about the house, was armed with an open knife in his hand. Finally she ran in the kitchen and posted the door, screaming all the while. Her cries brought Mrs. Moore to the scene, who promptly telephoned for an officer. In the meantime Captain Tiff Moore, her brother-in-law, ex-chief of police, who happened to be in the house, ran out, seized the negro and disarmed him, after a severe struggle, and with the assistance of a bystander was proceeding with him to the lockup when Officer McClellan arrived, and took charge of him. The negro is a desperate character, and would undoubtedly have had his way but for the presence of Captain Moore and his prompt action.

MILITARY FAIR.

The Close of a Successful Fair of the Adairsville ladies.

ADAIRSVILLE, December 6.—[Special]—The fair of the Adairsville ladies closed last night with a brilliant ball at the academy building. The dinner-reception report shows a deficit of \$23,400 and odd dollars, and how to meet that without increasing the taxes is the question. In 1883, \$3,247,100 of the bonded debt fell due. It is proposed to issue \$3,600,000 in bonds and devote the surplus to the deficiency. This cannot be done, however, without increasing the taxes. The constitution plainly says that "the bonded debt of the state shall never exceed except to repel invasion, suppress insurrection or defend the state in time of war." The advocates of this measure say that it will not increase the bonded debt, as we can include the much interest in the bonded bonds, and that does not increase it. This position, in my opinion, is entirely untenable, and even if it was not, it is made by section 14, paragraph 1, of the same article of the constitution, which clearly says that "the assembly shall raise by taxation the money to pay the expenses and the interest of the public debt." The constitution gives us tax, and precludes the issue of bonds for that purpose, so that I can see no way out of the dilemma but to increase the taxes. It is better to do this than violate the organic law. The constitution of course has many defects, but it is not the financial system in not one of them. It means the taxes of the people for their necessary expenses of the government and for none other. And besides it will not be an unmitigated evil to think that it will force the legislature to the stand. It will not put a quietus on many of the projects that are in agitation to raid the public treasury. Indeed, it seems almost impossible for any person or corporation to organize anything without calling on the public for an appropriation. It is called "developing" the state, and means that the public will be taxed to the bone for the benefit of a class. If high taxes will call the attention of the people to this mode of depleting their pockets, I think that in the end it will prove to be a blessing, for it will not increase the bonded debt.

AN ACCIDENTAL SHOT.

Mr. Benjamin Collier, of Decatur, accidentally shot White on a Hunt.

DECATUR, Ga., December 6.—[Special]—An unfortunate accident happened to Mr. Benjamin S. Collier, of this place, yesterday. He was in the woods with some friends hunting. A covey of birds was up in front of the party. Mr. Collier shot a bird, which struck him in the eye, not knowing it was his own. He was in front of him and a portion of the load stuck Mr. Collier in the eye, which hit him in the left eye, which is the eye which is feared will result in the loss of his eye. Mr. Jones was about fifty yards from Mr. Collier when the shot hit Mr. Collier in the eye. When the shot hit Mr. Collier he fell to the ground and bellowed. "You have shot me in the eye," he said. "I have not known what you have done, but I have shot my son." Mr. Collier did not know whether he had shot his son or Mr. Collier until he got near him. The accident is regretted, but no blame is attached to any one.

AN INTERESTING RAILROAD SUIT.

GRINNELL, Iowa, December 6.—[Special]—Our military company will have a fair at an early day to raise funds to aid in equipping the company. The "Esprit du Corps" is excellent.

A RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

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ATLANTA, DECEMBER 7, 1884.

INDICATIONS for the south Atlantic states at 1 a. m.: generally fair weather, stationary followed by higher temperature, south west winds.

MR. BLAINE is in Washington. It is rumored that Mr. Cleveland is going there, too.

Poor Logan—at last he is dependent upon democratic votes for his return to the senate.

LEVY, the cornetist, is to the marriageable world what Editor Dana, of the New York Sun, is to the world of politics—he shines for all.

It was a happy decision of the democrats of the present congress that they would not lug their tariff into the discussions of the present session.

The remarkable fickleness of that European organization which has charge of the death reports of the mahl and General Gordon, is a positive assurance that Editor Dana and the New York Sun have gotten in his work oss the water.

The completion of the Washington monument gives to the people of the United States the most imposing architectural structures of a similar kind in the world. It was first begun in 1848, and the labor spent on it for the many intervening years has been rewarded by the placing of the capstone of the monument yesterday evening. And the gratitude and love of the people of the country for the man whose deeds are thus to be perpetuated is as warm to-day as it was when the first stone of its foundation was placed for its rest through the centuries.

THE CONSTITUTION's Washington correspondence is in the hands of Mr. F. H. Richardson, who for the past four sessions of congress has represented this paper in that capacity. His experience in congressional circles, as well as his ability as a journalist, makes THE CONSTITUTION present to its readers interesting chapters of incidents at the national capital, as well as such topics concerning national legislation as are of particular interest to the people of Georgia and neighboring states. The gossip and excitement in political circles in Washington, incident to the coming change of administration, will form very interesting reading during the next few months.

The last news from the mahl indicates that, after being dead, he is marching on to Khartoum with his forces, and is probably by this time holding high carnival around the beleaguered town. At last accounts Gordon was there and had been killed several times. If he is still there, and is alive, it is sincerely to be hoped that his close contact with the mahl will result in the death of one, the other, or both, for that they will both make some agreement to the effect that neither will kill the other more than a half dozen consecutive times during eight months. A sufficient number

TO THE WORKINGMEN OF ATLANTA.

No class of the citizens of Atlanta is the splendid victory of last Wednesday due to the workingmen. By this we mean the real workingmen—the men who work in the shops, on the walls of houses and in the factories.

Clear-headed, sensible and independent, they refused to listen to the politicians who attempted to lead them into a senseless and vicious war against the business men of the town. They did their own thinking. They showed that they could not be transferred like sheep by a few politicians, but that they did their own voting as they earned their own bread.

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emigrate from South Carolina, and we should be glad to chronicle the fact that the same class was preparing to emigrate from Georgia, and especially from Atlanta. We urge emigration upon these malcontents. It is the best thing they can do, for if they stay where they are and continue to exhibit a lawless spirit they will get themselves into very serious trouble. There is no doubt about that.

A democratic president has been elected, and his administration will be democratic. When his term is out another democratic president will be elected. The country is safely democratic, and will be so for a quarter of a century, possibly longer. The negroes, as well as the Blanians, will have to make the most of these things. As a rule the negro who betrays a desire to emigrate are the very ones that ought to emigrate. Even after the exodus the country will be safe.

JUDGE DORSEY AND THE CITY COURT.

We learn from Mr. R. Anderson that he has sent to Governor Smith his resignation, and that the latter accepted it. A large portion of his bank salary was overpaid, and he asked that this be paid and that he be retained in the position until May. This request was refused and the unpopular pastor filed his resignation. It would be difficult to find a parallel instance of meanness. The very men who have robbed this preacher of his bark salary and driven him from his pulpit on account of his independence in exercising the privileges of a freeman, are loud in denouncing the alleged bulldozing and ostracism growing out of politics in the south.

Should consider Judge Dorsey's retirement as nothing short of a public calamity. He has graced the bench and honored it. He is fearless, just, able and courageous, and he has the fullest confidence of the people. A better judge never sat on the bench in this city.

While amending the law as to prohibit Judge Dorsey from practicing law, the legislature ought to increase the salary in compensation. There are many reasons why this salary should be increased. Besides prohibiting the judge from practicing, the new bill compels him to try civil cases in either civil or criminal terms, which practically makes it a court of continuous session. The business has about doubled in the past few years. Where it formerly paid 35% per cent of the insolvent costs, it now pays 50% per cent. Where the claimants were formerly from 30 to 40 it is now about 125. We believe our whole people would be glad to see the salary so raised that Judge Dorsey could afford to withdraw his resignation, sacrifice his practice, and remain on the bench.

It is said that a writer who succeeds in getting all of his work accepted by "The Century," "Harper's" or the "Atlantic" cannot make more than \$1,000 a year. On the other hand, some of these writers do their work for the sensational weeklies and make from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year. The best paid literary man in the country is a regular contributor to a story paper. He has no gifts whatever, and his stuff would make a dog howl if read to him in a reflective hour. Yet this man makes \$15,000 a year out of his pen work.

In place of our usual Talmage's sermon on Monday, we shall print to-morrow an admirable sermon by Bishop Beckwith on Miracles. The substitution is one by which our readers will gain.

THE newspaper is calling attention to the recent death resulting from the use of opium. This drug is not generally patronized by the coarse and vulgar. The refined and highly cultured resort to its use. It is easy to get, easy to hide, and hard to detect. Society people with shattered nerves and the victims of insomnia find in chloral a delightful temptation. Before they are aware of it they are under the dominion of a cruel and relentless tyrant, and the result is the destruction of the intellect, the affections, the nerves, the soul and the body. Some of the so-called suicides are merely the result of the improper use of chloral. Persons who tamper with the drug are never safe,

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BROTHER BLAINE attended the opera in New York the other night attired in a clasp-hammer coat. His shirt front was arranged so as to hide his clerical conscience.

ILLUSTRATED journalism is no new thing. It is almost as old as the newspaper itself. In 1607 a tract illustrated a flood in Wales. Another tract in 1608 depicted floods in Somersetshire and Shropshire. In 1610 and 1611 another illustrated the burning of Trincomalee and a remarkable hurricane. The Mercurius Civicus published in London during the Cromwellian period illustrated the events of the day. The London Times in the early part of the present century published engravings of Nelson's funeral car, and various other matters. The Observer also did something in this line. The London Illustrated News issued in 1842 adopted this feature on a large scale, and from that day to this illustrated journalism has been firmly established in public favor.

It is generally understood that Mr. Arthur used to be a fine Italian stiletto in helping the Blaine campaign. Our esteemed president appears to be a mugwump.

THE New York Sun says that Arthur has made the best president since Abraham Lincoln. But stay! Did Lincoln's "pants" fit him as quickly and as deftly as those of Arthur?

EUGENE HALSTEAD threatens to admit that there are some nice people in the south. His meaning will probably include only those who have lately emigrated from the north.

MR. JAMES BAXON, son of Senator Bayard, is engaged in teaching school in a little hamlet in southern Maryland, having preferred this to accepting an office which was tendered him sometime since.

"THE Free Lance" of Aniston, Ala., is one of the latest and brightest candidates for public favor. It is owned and edited by Frank B. High and Coke A. Smith, two bright young Americans. The paper brims over with good things, and might give a lesson to many larger and older papers. There is no better profession for our youngsters than journalism, and no school like a printing office. We wish the Free Lance a long and useful life.

THE theory of the New York Tribune that all the negroes were bungled, none of them being allowed to vote at the recent election, is a very interesting one. It will doubtless command my attention to the understanding of Deacon Richard Smith, who is Editor Halstead's right hand man and vice-president.

As a period of time, forty days are not as long as a parenthesis—particularly in Atlanta. Hence the legislature will return to us in blackberry time. It is well.

The Democratic traders in New York city should be looked after.

THE Cincinnati Commercial Gazette was abusing Cleveland and Hendricks because they remained friendly after a half hour's chat, is now very mad because they didn't talk politics.

THE Chicago Tribune, which once had a large circulation among the literati of the west, is now attempting to take care of itself as now it has been heretofore, and it proposes also to take an energetic hand in taking care of the rest of the country. The south forms a very large chunk of the union—it is a solid chunk, and a nice chunk, and it is a very active chunk.

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Now three times out of ten when you find a fool running a newspaper or misrepresenting his constituents in a public position, he makes economy his hobby. The object was recently urged by one of this class that Montreal's ice palace would cost enough to buy a thousand tons of coal for the poor. A sensible contemporary replies that it is so much the better. The more it costs, the greater benefit will the poor derive from it. Workmen will build the palace and the wages they receive will feed and clothe their families. The rich will pay the bills. The tollers will get the benefit. The prosperous will be the losers at the fountain. The wealthy will get their share of the money spent for light, clothing, sarcasm, flowers and supports. The rich man's extravagance supports the poor. The prosperous man, who never spends his money for luxuries, but hoards it, is the real enemy of the poor. In full time so-called economy is a poor remedy. It induces well-to-do people to curtail their expenses, and the worst effect of this is felt by the poor. It is a public blessing to have carnivals, festivals, theaters and other money distributing customs and amusements. A policy of strict economy would throw half the business men and workers out of occupation. There is one economical maxim, however, which is always in order. It is to live within your income. That is the duty of every man, rich or poor.

Not that their howling displeases us. On the contrary, quite the reverse. It is music in our hungry ears. We have been waiting for the joyful sound for twenty years, and if we could add to the wallings, no opportunity would be lost. The consolation is that the howling will go on no matter what we say, and the knowledge of this fact gives us an excuse for jogging along in the old, good mannered way. The latest difficulty with the Blaine organs we find chronicled in Editor Charles Emory Smith's Philadelphia Press. It is as follows:

Another colored exodus from South Carolina is under way. Large numbers of the blacks have started for California and the states west of the Mississippi, and the migration on a large scale appears to be imminent. The southern democratic editor writes of the negroes and the prospects of the colored race, and democratic print columns of interviews with southern negroes predicting that the negro will soon discover that the democrats, and not the republicans, are his best friends. But somehow, the colored man is not convinced. The little logic he has doesn't prove to him that the same men who once held him in slavery, and only relinquished their hold upon him at the point of the bayonet, and have since shot and counted him out of his political rights, have his interests much at heart.

Now, no doubt the Press looks on this as a very sad state of things, and its editor would probably have no hesitation in taking the stand and swearing with the usual violence of a Blainiac that it is the result of the election of a democratic president. In regard to this we shall not argue. We know nothing of the alleged exodus from South Carolina, and care a great deal less than we know; but we are willing to go as far as the editor of the Press in recognizing facts. We have written (perhaps "glibly") of the contentions and comparative prosperity of the negroes of the south, and have gone out of our way somewhat to assure them that they have nothing more to fear from a democratic than from a republican administration.

But recent developments in Atlanta show that there is a class of negro malcontents who are ready to bulldoze a malcontent those of their own race who no longer hold friendly and peaceful

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Japanese Tea Drinking—A
Telephone Office—The
Postmaster—Other Items.

[Special.]—A scene of the most prevalent at the Appleton this morning. There is not the state where anything that is done would create more interest than the orphan's home. It is the upper portion of the city where the men and their charges are kept from the city life.

I sent a message to the city hall in telling that two officers were sent out, in great trouble at the home. It was discovered that the men had mysteriously disappeared.

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Meanwhile the Washington monument society, represented by Dr. Joseph W. Tener, Hon. Horatio King, General Wm. McKee Dunn, Dr. Daniel B. Clark and T. L. Harvey, secretary, had been engaged in the preparation of the ceremony. They had given three children who were walking up the railroad tracks to the home to sell vegetables, and the boys for the runways. When the distance of eighteen miles was given were seen.

The meeting was opened with a hymn, followed by a solo, then a solo by the organist, and then a solo by the organist.

Up went all the members of the society, and went to the top of the

the runways due to homesickness.

They were sorry we went away.

A NATION'S GRATITUDE.

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THROUGH THE CITY

EVENTS OF INTEREST GATHERED
UP ABOUT TOWN.

Matters Have and There—in the Course, at the
Capitol, Around the Station House and on the
Street—Minor News Notes Caught Up on
the Sidewalk—Gossip in the Gutter.

Mr. James Lynch went to Savannah yes-
terday.

"Salvation and Ingrossell on the Bible" will
be the subject of Mr. Chaney's Sunday even-
ing lecture to-night.

The normal class convened at the high
school building yesterday morning. The assem-
bly was largely attended, and was quite in-
teresting.

Yesterday the governor reappointed the Ju-
nior asylum board of trustees. The board is
composed of Hon. L. N. Whittle of Bibb, Hon.
George A. Clegg of Monroe, and Messrs.
Thomas Newell, Wm. H. Hall and Thomas
M. Latimer of Baldwin.

Governor McDaniel has appointed the fol-
lowing gentlemen as the state board of phar-
maceutical examiners: Dr. Edward Barry of
Richmond, Dr. A. M. Brannon of Muscogee,
Dr. Oscar Butler of Chatham, Dr. John In-
gle of Bibb, and Dr. J. S. Penberth of At-
lanta.

The capitol commissioners adjourned yes-
terday, after passing resolutions providing for
a regular meeting on the third Wednesday of
every month. The architect will be required to
submit his plans to the commissioners, so as to estimate
the amounts due the contractor.

The Third Artillery will leave to-day at
noon for Florida. The command has been
camped near Atlanta for several months, and
will return again next summer. The officers
have made many friends in Atlanta during
their stay, and their departure will be re-
gretted.

Lost—in the office, hall or dining-room of
the Cannon house, a small leather pocketbook,
containing a diamond pin (an anchor shaped),
a five-dollar bill and some small change. The
finder will be liberally rewarded by returning
the same to the proprietor of the Cannon
house.

BLANCHARD STILL ALIVE.

The Georgia Pacific Railway Watchman
at the Point of Death.

Blanchard, the Georgia Pacific railway
watchman who was shot by a thief Friday night,
was still alive last night, but Dr. Roy stated that his
case was a hopeless one.

Dr. Roy is the Georgia Pacific railway
company's doctor, and was called to see him
when he was shot. He said that the bullet had
gone through the heart, and after an examination of the wound
that Blanchard had but one chance for a recovery.
The ball could not be found with the probe, and
then the doctor decided to open the stomach.
This did not operate so quickly performed, but
the bullet could not be found.

Dr. Roy left his patient last night midnight dead was
anticipated at every second. The police depart-
ment were called to the scene, and the party who
fired the shot but without success.

SELLING A CHURCH TROUBLE.

Rev. G. W. Martin's Congregation Have
Meeting and Exhortation him.

Stephen McLowell, a negro man, was arraigned
before Recorder Anderson yesterday morning,
charged with disturbing public worship, and was
adjudged guilty.

In the course of the negro who entered
Rev. G. W. Martin's church on
Friday evening, the negro raised the disgraceful row,
evidence against McLowell was conclusive, and
Judge Anderson disposed of the case by binding
him over to the county court.

Last night the negro in Martin's church was
arrested. In the afternoon the officials members of
the church met and decided that they had been
done in Martin's church and sent a telegram to
Martin asking him to attend a "conference" to be held at the church
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Resolved, That the secretary of this company is
insured to resist such action of said association,
and to do all in his power to protect the company
against us in depriving us of our business,
which will be little encouragement to organize
the companies in the state. We have no fear of
the result.

The directors of the Home decided to fight it out, as
it will be seen by the following statement:

Mr. W. H. Blanchard, a negro, was brought before
the court on the 15th inst., declaimed the secretary
of the Atlanta Home insurance company in violation
of several hundred thousand dollars
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ATLANTA, GA., December 6, 1884.

The Board of the Atlanta Baptist Bible and Tract Society meets at First Baptist Church on Monday next the 8th at 9 A.M.

P. W. HAYGOOD, Secretary.

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Stamp for sale at the Constitution office, open day and night.

Send and set your wrapping paper at TATE CON-
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Dr. A. J. Woodward has removed his office to room 2, No. 9½ Broad street.

Cold meats, oysters, hot coffee, tea, cocoas, cakes, jellies, pies, etc. at No. 11 Broad street, Mandeville, and Woodward by ladies of the Redemptorist Convent (long vocational).

The Captain's Home.

At the recent annual meeting of trustees, the bishop at the last session of the North Georgia conference appointed Rev. S. P. Jones agent of the stevenized institution, and Rev. J. T. Gibson, superintendent and ex-officio agent. Mr. Jones' business is to make collections outside of the state, and Rev. J. T. Gibson is to travel through the territory of the North Georgia conference and take collections look after the general welfare of the institution, and to collect contributions to meet outstanding subscriptions.

The growing demand upon Mr. Jones to work in the evangelization of the South, however, has caused him to decline the mission, and he has now turned his attention to the work necessary. He has done a noble work, and having now a wider field to work in, he has accepted a position with this institution which lies so near his heart.

We commend Mr. Gibson to the people of the state, and trust him to do all in his power to qualify to discharge the duties which this responsible position devolves upon him. This splendid man has been a great blessing to us, and we have assumed such high hopes as that not only in the conference in which he stands, it is situated and under whose direction he labors in the state of Georgia which gave legal recognition of the organizing of a chapter, will be prone to own it.

See Our Read

John Keely's notice in to-day's paper! It is full of attractions, and shows plainly the possibility of successfully handling an immense stock of goods in Atlanta. Just such business as John Keely have done much towards building up the trade of our city, and to no one belongs more credit for his part in this work than the subject of this editorial notice. Beginning in the fall a few years since with small capital, he has, by an energy which has not for a moment flagged, and by a knowledge of the market, succeeded in building up the largest retail trade in the south. His sales are something wonderful, running up as they do to four and even five thousand dollars a week, and his success is due to a transaction of business on a strictly business basis, keeping up with times, being able at all times to take advantage of the opportunities offered upon the opportunities furnished by heavy cash purchases at the New York auction sales, which are often determined by the price paid for the condition, changes, etc., in trade. John Keely is fully up to this, and that his patrons have found it out, is evidenced by the crowded condition of his store day by day.

McNeal, decorations and picture rods cheap.

We have the most beautiful thing in handkerchiefs that you have ever beheld. M. Rich & Bros.

McNeal is receiving the latest style wall paper.

We have just received can fresh Bananas which are yellow and ripe. Call Monday or send orders and get something that will sell. W. J. Hudson & Co.

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Great losses in all grades furniture until Christmas. Every article made to factory prices. An immense stock at worse than trade prices. P. H. Snook.

Give us a chance, and we will show you a saving of 25 per cent on ladies and children's wraps. Our prices and our goods can't be equalled here. M. Rich & Bros.

We will receive another car of fresh "Sweet Fla. Oranges" about Tuesday. Save your orders for us. We intend to sell. W. J. Hudson & Co.

Our cloak stock is fresh and new, and better still, we will give you new prices, that will save you money. M. Rich & Bros.

Free book on wall paper and how to apply it. Address M. M. Mauck, Atlanta, Ga.

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M. Rich & Bros. have just received their third stock this season of the best makes and newest designs of Carpets, matting of all kinds, Oilcloths, Linoleums, curtains and shades at unheard-of-prices in Atlanta. We have made a cut in prices before; we intend to continue doing so in order to close out our entire stock by January 1st. Just think, a first Hemp carpet at 13 cents; a good Ingrain carpet, at 30 cents; a wool-filling Ingrain carpet at 40 cents; best extra Super Ingrain, 60 cents, same as other houses ask 70 cents for. First class Brussels carpet, 55 cents. 25 rolls just received, and no remnants. Now is your chance to buy carpets cheap, by calling on M. Rich & Bros.

The Lord Property

at auction Tuesday morning next at No. 28 Forsyth, corner Luckie street, by Sam'l W. Goode, Plots ready.

McNeal, 34 Peachtree street, decorative wall papers.

All Millinery Goods at cost at Trade Palace, 69 Whitehall street.

Chattahoochee river brick for sale in any quantity on short notice. Lowe, Steele & Co., corner Broad and Alabama sts.

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Mrs. H. E. Scott, 211 E. Hunter street, Atlanta, says: "For three years I had a dumb ague and nothing did me any good until my physician ordered Brown's Iron Bitters. It effected a complete cure."

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Call at Samuel W. Goode's office and select a certain lot for your spare cash. Bargains on his list now in lots and cottages.

Mr. John C. Evans, 50 Broad street, Atlanta, says: "My child, seven years old, suffered from constant headache. One bottle of Brown's Iron Bitters cured him. I gladly recommend it."

Old papers at Constitution office at 25 cents a hundred.

No. 38 Forsyth Street.

A 10 room dwelling, a small lot, at auction Tuesday morning, 11 o'clock, on the premises of the ladies' union of the church of the Redeemer.

Plots of Forsyth and Luckie Streets.

At 10 o'clock, super or lunch on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week at No. 11 Broad street, under the auspices of the ladies' union of the church of the Redeemer.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

The Two Houses Met and Proceeded With the Business in Hand—The Roll Called for the Introduction of New Matter—A Number of Bills Introduced and Read.

The session met yesterday at the usual hour, President Carter presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. B. Strickler.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. McArthur on account of sickness.

Mr. Maddox moved a reconsideration of the bill passed the previous day amending the constitution so as to provide for the appointment by the governor, of the judges or the supreme and superior courts and solicitors general.

Mr. Maddox spoke to his motion. He said the bill had been passed without even a discussion, and it was opposed to it and wanted it re-considered.

Mr. Sykes spoke in favor of the motion to reconsider. He took the position that a purer judiciary could be secured under the existing law. He said it was easier to corrupt a government than a small general assembly. That a governor would be tempted to enter upon a political log rolling.

Mr. Cananis spoke in reply saying the candidates for the legislature could log roll as well.

Mr. Mitchell said the reconsideration would be a useless consumption of time and that it was a bad motion. He withdrew the motion to allow Mr. Maddox to speak. After Mr. Maddox spoke Mr. Mitchell renewed his motion to table.

Mr. Sykes called for the ayes and nays.

On the call of the ayes and nays the motion to table was voted down.

Mr. Clegg of Carroll county, was invited to sit on the floor.

Mr. Colly, of the committee on railroads, made a report.

Mr. Smith, of the 32d, chairman on the part of the senate on the committee on mines and mining, made a report giving a sketch of gold mining in Georgia and the establishment of a mint at Dahlonega.

The report of the committee was read.

On motion of Mr. Northen the house resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to confer with the commissioner of agriculture was taken up and passed and Messrs. Smith of the 30th and Thornton were appointed on the committee on the part of the senate.

Mr. Ray, of the committee on the state of the public, made a report on the resolution asking congress to appropriate a million dollars revenue law. The committee recommended that the resolution pass with an amendment.

Bills were taken up for a second reading.

The bill of Mr. Ray to amend section 2582 of the code adversely reported on was read. Mr. Ray moved to disagree to the report and voted to the motion.

Mr. Jordan spoke in opposition to the motion.

The motion to disagree was lost.

Mr. William S. Erwin was invited to a seat on the floor.

The motion asking congress to repeal the internal revenue laws was taken up and passed, and on motion of Mr. Ray ordered transmitted at once to the house.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the resolution asking congress to establish a branch mint at Dahlonega was taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. Ray the rules were suspended and bills were taken up for a third reading. The following were read:

To authorize the governor to furnish certain decisions of the supreme court and other books to the State University. Passed.

To provide for an election in Henry county on the question of abolishing the board of county commissioners of Henry county, Passed.

On motion of Mr. Rankin, house bills were taken up for a first reading, and were read and referred.

To repeal the county court of Monroe county.

Mr. Ray offered a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee of three from the senate and three from the house to consider the advisability of changing the rules so as to meet only once every week for reading bills from the other house. Referred to the committee on rules.

On motion the senate adjourned for the day.

The House.

The house was called to order by the speaker and opened with a short prayer.

Mr. Herndon offered a resolution to suspend the rules to read a local bill. Messrs. Ballard, Leddy, Griffith, Calvin, Middlebrook and Brooks and Reagon Turner of Coweta and Womack also introduced similar resolutions which were referred to the committee on rules.

On motion of Mr. Gordon the house bill was read and referred.

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BRIEFS ABOUT BOOKS.

"THE MENTOR," by Alfred Ayres, published by Funk & Wagnalls, New York, is a neat little volume and will be a good book for boys and girls to appear to advantage in school society.

Mr. Ayres gives readers much sensible advice and settles for them many problems of etiquette.

His chapter on "Etiquette" is especially good.

The book is well written and clearly printed.

The author, Rev. J. B. Higgin, pastor, preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Rev. J. H. Cumpier, pastor, preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor, Morning topic: "Plans for the Home Mission—Sunday school at 3 p. m. Preaching 7 p. m." etc.

First Methodist Protestant church, corner of Forsyth and Garrett streets, Rev. H. C. Cushing, pastor, preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Rev. C. H. Williams, of the board of missions.

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BELL K. ABBOTT.

Written for The Constitution.

In the spring of 1864 the hospital corps of Johnson's army, driven like a white wave before a furious storm, fled back from the outposts of danger till it found at last a peaceful harbor in the remote but charming town of A—, in southwestern Georgia.

At first every available building was transformed into comfortable quarters for the unfortunate sons of war who poured down daily from the bloody mountains of north Georgia. Numerous tents, too, war-worn and dusty, dotted the courthouse square and every available street adjacent thereto.

The chief supervision of this army of unfortunate had been entrusted to Captain Thorn, a brave, big-hearted Kentuckian who, by reason of a wounded arm, had been detailed to a post of duty outside of the field.

The citizens were glad that the hospitals had come. A semblance of gaiety once more pervaded the sad town already heart-broken over its gallant dead.

With so many soldiers to be seen everywhere it brought back the happy days when the doted "Guards," the "Rifles," the "Artillerymen," brave noble men with uniforms stained by blood and nodding plumes, innocent of the smoke of battle, were still at home and made happy now, many of them, who could forget those grand chivalric men? Husbands, fathers, brothers, lovers, an incomparable host, but all marching as one, and fit and willing, if need be, to die for the cause they loved. Thank God, on that great day when the news came that the rebels had finally surrendered, many who fell out from the ranks of the "Guards," the "Rifles," the "Artillerymen," and who to-day receive the banishment of the ignominy of the field, the "boys" of A—, went into the joy of the Lord.

"Good-bye, captain. I'm going to die now," said one who had stepped into a horse corner and sat down to rest.

Here he took out his briar-root pipe, filled it with tobacco, puffed it, and then match on the bottom of his shoe and began to smoke. Puff! puff! puff! and the smoke floated up as from a chimney, and looking upward, lifted his cap in deferential salute about him. Then he picked up a fragment of broken plank and cast it into the ink pool below and laughed outright as though nothing had disturbed him. The young lad, thinking ladyskirt skinned about in metal teeth.

Across the bridge and up the long hill beyond he toiled, and stepped into a horse corner and sat down to rest.

Here he took out his briar-root pipe, filled it with tobacco, puffed it, and then match on the bottom of his shoe and began to smoke. Puff! puff! puff!

He exchanged impatiently, then began nervously, then his pipe.

At this moment the sound of wheels told that a vehicle was coming up the hill, and before the driver who was driving his team of saddle horses ruminating "Uncle" B., driving his old gray horse was before him. He was going to fill an appointment in the Hospital.

But never moved a muscle as the vehicle stopped before him.

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ing, the dark, murky waters flowed on as peacefully as though no war-cloud, red with blood, delayed.

Just above the bridge the boy stopped and looked at Pickle's fish trap which was waiting to catch the fish that the unfortunate owner had killed miles ago in Virginia.

The magnolia's and bay trees were opening, bursting with blossoms, and the flowers hung in bunches from tree to tree, and clung among the hoary moss of the live-oaks.

On crossing the long bridge which spanned the lagoon of back water, for which this stream was celebrated, he gazed silently at the scene.

He turned his back against the wind, and looking upward into the far away blue heavens where myriads of clouds were moving, he saw the clouds melt and drift away as his gaze followed them, but the rigidity of stone held his young body.

He had been gazing upon the young lad for some time, and had almost forgotten those guard chivalric men?

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